



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

### Community Trade Adjustment Assistance

#### Program Overview

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EDA's new Community Trade Adjustment Assistance (Community TAA) Program is aimed at helping to create and retain jobs by providing project grants to communities (*cities, counties, or other political subdivisions of a state or a consortium of political subdivisions of a state*) that have experienced, or are threatened by, job loss resulting from international trade impacts.

Grants under the program can be used to support a wide range of technical, planning, and infrastructure projects to help communities adapt to pressing trade impact issues and diversify their economies.

To be eligible to apply, communities must be certified under one of the following three Trade Adjustment Assistance program: Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms, or Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers. Applications received from eligible communities will be competitively evaluated in order to maximize the economic revitalization impact of the program based on the extent to which applications address the following six criteria:

1. **Support small and medium-sized communities**, defined as communities with a population of 100,000 or less.
2. **Assist the most severely impacted communities**, in terms of the number of workers in the community that are receiving assistance from Trade Adjustment Assistance programs.
3. **Deliver a high return on investment** in terms of creating and saving jobs, leveraging public-private partnerships, and utilizing best practices in project management.
4. **Support Regionalism, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship** by strengthening regional cluster strategies and fostering technology commercialization.
5. **Support Global Trade/Competitiveness** by supporting "high growth/high potential companies" and advancing business clusters with significant export potential.
6. **Grow the "Green Economy"** by promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency, "greening" existing processes or functions, and through "green building" (for example, a structure certified under the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) system).